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I. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. In his introductory remarks, the Chairman pointed to the challenge facing the Preparatory Committee. The quality of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development would depend in large measure on its work. There was no doubt that interest in the Summit was growing with each day.

2. The Preparatory Committee's mandate was to see to it that the objectives of the Summit were achieved by defining and agreeing on specific activities relating to the three core issues.

3. Basically, the task was to identify what needed to be done. What was possible? What was practicable? Which were the successful experiments that could be of use to all? How could national responsibility be combined with international cooperation? What special attention had to be given to the least developed countries? What consensuses existed with regard to ways of responding to the most urgent needs of the people?

4. The Summit had to reach agreements that would effectively make for the reduction of poverty, an increase in productive employment and enhanced social integration. What was involved was clearly to attempt to be realistic and at the same time effective. Greater awareness and more action with regard to social problems were needed.

5. Work was not starting from scratch. In all the countries represented tremendous efforts had been made to resolve social problems. The international community had, through its specialized agencies and programmes, set ambitious objectives with respect to health, education, housing, population, the status of women, children, the handicapped and many other issues. The Summit provided an opportunity to evaluate what had been achieved and to identify what remained to be done, to evaluate progress and failure and to identify the reasons for them.

6. At the heart of the Summit was the major issue of human security. In today's world, personal insecurity and uncertainty about the future had been increasing social tensions to dangerous levels. Examples of social explosions abounded in the developing and the developed world alike. The eradication of poverty and social integration were factors affecting national development. The world, and especially the poorest countries, needed the active input of that part of mankind which today did not have the means to make a contribution to or to benefit from development. They represented a resource that could not be wasted. Consequently overcoming poverty and involving the disadvantaged gave everyone a chance to be part of development, and through personal effort to achieve a decent standard of living and to contribute to the common good.

7. At the end of the twentieth century, people were part of a global village, seeing themselves as citizens of the planet, each one with an individual identity, a culture and personal realities. Democracy was expanding as a political system, fostering a free and responsible citizenry. The market economy generated a growing consensus as an efficient mechanism for allocating resources for economic progress. The Summit offered an opportunity to build a social consensus as the third major consensus.

8. One of the objectives for the Summit was to address, in creative ways, the interaction between the social function of the State, market responses to social demands and the imperatives of sustainable development. That was a good summary of the challenges facing the Preparatory Committee. Like any major undertaking, it required passion and reason. Passion to overcome the obstacles that would doubtless be encountered and reason to keep the activities within the realm of the possible.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

9. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 16 April 1993. The Preparatory Committee held five meetings and a number of informal meetings.

10. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, who read a message to the Preparatory Committee from the Secretary-General (see annex I).

11. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April, the Chairman made an introductory statement (see sect. I above).

B. Attendance

12. The following States were represented:

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Estonia
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guyana
Holy See
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Kuwait
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lesotho
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali

Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Zambia
Zimbabwe

13. Palestine was represented by an observer.

14. The United Nations Development Programme and the World Food Programme were represented.

15. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization and World Bank/International Fund for Agricultural Development.

16. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee and Latin American Economic System.

C. Election of officers

17. At its 1st meeting, on 12 April, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Juan Somavia (Chile) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

18. At its 4th meeting, on 14 April, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Bureau of the Committee would comprise a Chairman and nine Vice-Chairmen, one of whom would serve as Rapporteur. The Preparatory Committee also decided that Denmark would serve as ex officio member of the Bureau in the capacity of Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting the Committee elected by acclamation Cameroon and Zimbabwe from the African States, India and Indonesia from the Asian States, Poland from the Eastern European States, the Netherlands and Australia from the Western European and other States, and Mexico from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

19. At its 5th meeting, on 16 April, the Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation Latvia from the Eastern European States.

D. Adoption of the agenda

20. At its 1st meeting, on 12 April, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/1, which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

E. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

21. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to 5th meetings, from 13 to 16 April.

22. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion of the item at its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April.

23. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April, the Preparatory Committee heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States), Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, the Philippines, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Peru, India, Chile, Cameroon, Canada, Australia, Austria, Pakistan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Cuba, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka.

24. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

25. A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

26. The representative of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) also made a statement.

27. At the 5th meeting, on 16 April, the Chairman introduced document A/CONF.166/PC/L.4, which contained six draft decisions submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations.

28. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted draft decision 2, entitled "Inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau", draft decision 3, entitled "Non-governmental organizations", draft decision 4, entitled "National contributions" and draft decision 7, entitled "Mobilization of voluntary resources" (see annex II, decisions 1-4, respectively). After the adoption of draft decision 7, a statement was made by the representative of Colombia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China). The Preparatory Committee then adopted draft decision 8, entitled "Public information" (see annex II, decision 5).

29. Also at the same meeting, the Chairman made a statement regarding draft decision 10, entitled "Organizational matters", which read as follows:

> "The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development recommends to the General Assembly for its consideration and appropriate action the following draft decision:
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> "Organizational matters
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> "The General Assembly decides that the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development should:
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> "(a) Convene its three substantive sessions in plenary;
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> "(b) Establish, during the first substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of one week;
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> "(c) Establish, during the second substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of two weeks;
>
> "(d) Establish, during the third substantive session, two working groups to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of two weeks."

After statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Russian Federation, the Committee decided to withdraw draft decision 10 (see annex II, decision 6).

30. At the same meeting, the Chairman orally introduced draft decision 6, entitled "Organization of work", submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations. Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Switzerland and Bolivia. The Committee then adopted the draft decision (see annex II, decision 7).

31. Also at the same meeting, the Chairman orally introduced draft decision 9, entitled "Expert meetings", submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations. The Secretary of the Committee read out amendments to the draft decision. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see annex II, decision 8).

F. Arrangements for future sessions

32. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 5th meeting, on 16 April.

33. At the 5th meeting, the Chairman orally introduced and amended draft decision 1, entitled "Dates for the World Summit for Social Development", submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations. The Preparatory Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see annex II, decision 9). After the adoption of the draft decision the representative of Bulgaria made a statement. The Chairman read out a statement regarding the dates of the Summit (see annex III).

G. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

34. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 5th meeting, on 16 April.

35. The Chairman introduced draft decision 5, entitled "Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee", as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/L.3. Statements were made and oral amendments were introduced by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico, Benin, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ecuador, Australia, the United States of America and Senegal. The Preparatory Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see annex II, decision 10).

H. Documentation

36. A list of documents before the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session is contained in annex IV to the present report.

III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

37. At its 5th meeting, on 16 April, the Preparatory Committee decided to entrust the Bureau with the task of finalizing its report in the light of the comments made and the decisions taken at its final meeting.

ANNEX I

Message from the Secretary-General addressed to the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development at its organizational session

I send you my greetings and best wishes for your work.

This meeting is an important milestone in the process leading to the World Summit on Social Development in 1995. The Summit, coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, will lay the foundations of the work of the United Nations in the social development sphere for generations to come. It will be the culmination of a process of rethinking that began with the collapse of bipolarity.

The task before you is not an easy one. We are beginning to develop new interpretations of social policy and development. The new approach must be inclusive, must encompass all aspects of social, economic and environmental life, and must seek to promote a society in which each and every individual has the potential and the opportunity to become involved in development. We are abandoning the fragmented, compartmentalized approach of the past, which failed to concentrate on the dynamics of whole societies. We are now beginning to see the interrelationships that exist between social, economic and political life.

To move from these general propositions to practical guidelines for international action and cooperation will not be straightforward. A great deal of discussion and negotiation will be required. Old notions and old methods of working will need to be revised and some entirely new approaches must be created.

You have vital work ahead of you. In years to come this session may mark the start of a global process. This knowledge, and the knowledge that the outcome of your work is eagerly awaited, should be your inspiration.

I wish you every success.

ANNEX II

Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session

1. Inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development noted with appreciation the intention of the Bureau to meet inter-sessionally to review the progress of the Preparatory Committee and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.

2. Non-governmental organizations

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Adopted the modalities for participation in and contribution to the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process of non-governmental organizations, as set forth in the annex to the present decision;

(b) Recognized the importance of the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process and in the Summit itself, and requested all possible aid to ensure full participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations from developing countries.

ANNEX

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that express the wish to attend the World Summit for Social Development and the meetings of its Preparatory Committee will be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the Summit secretariat for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The secretariat of the World Summit for Social Development will be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation, in accordance with the provisions given below of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process;

(b) All such applications must be accompanied by information on the competence of the organizations and on its relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, indicating the particular areas of the Summit preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include, inter alia, the following:

(i) Purposes of the organization;

(ii) Information on its programmes and activities in areas relevant to the Summit and its preparatory process and on the country or countries in which those programmes and activities are carried out;

(iii) Confirmation of its activities at the national and/or the international level;

(iv) Copies of its annual reports with financial statements, and a list of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;

(v) A description of its membership, indicating the total number of members and their geographical distribution;

(c) In the evaluation of the relevance of non-governmental organizations applying for accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process, it is agreed that the background of those organizations and their involvement in social development issues, including core issues as defined in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, will determine such relevance;

(d) Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation will be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the Summit;

(e) In cases where the Summit secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present document, that an organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the Summit secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the Preparatory Committee its reasons for so acting. The Summit secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to members of the Preparatory Committee at least one week prior to the start of each session;

(f) The Preparatory Committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation within 24 hours of the Summit secretariat's recommendations' having been taken up by the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting. Should a decision not be taken within that period, interim accreditation will be accorded until such time as a decision is taken;

(g) A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend one session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all future sessions, as well as the Summit itself;

(h) In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the World Summit for Social Development, non-governmental organizations will have no negotiating role in the work of the Summit and its preparatory process;

(i) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given an opportunity to briefly address the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Preparatory Committee will request that the non-governmental organizations form themselves into constituencies, with each constituency speaking through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the Chairman and with the consent of the Preparatory Committee;

(j) Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations in the official languages of the United Nations during the preparatory process, as they deem appropriate. Those written

presentations will not be issued as official documents unless they are in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure.

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3. National contributions

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, emphasizing the desirability of promoting national preparations for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Decided that such preparations could include:

(i) The establishment of national committees or other arrangements at the national level to bring together concerned official agencies and non-governmental bodies;

(ii) The convening of meetings for public discussion of the core issues;

(iii) The preparation of national reports to identify constraints and the measures required to remove them with regard to the alleviation and reduction of poverty, the expansion of productive employment and the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Member States the contents of the present decision.

4. Mobilization of voluntary resources

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Welcomed the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development and reaffirmed the decision of the General Assembly, as set forth in paragraph 20 of its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, that the resources of the Fund should be utilized to finance the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and the preparatory process;

(b) Also welcomed the proposals of the Secretary-General on mobilization of voluntary resources for the Fund as outlined in document A/CONF.166/PC/4, annexed to the present decision;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to bring the Fund to the attention of Member States, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as foundations, private enterprises and concerned individuals, and to report to the Committee at its first substantive session on the operations of the Fund.

ANNEX

1. In its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly, inter alia, invited the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the World Summit for Social Development. In response to that request, the

Secretary-General has established the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development.

2. In order to mobilize contributions to this Fund, a number of fund-raising activities are envisaged. As a first step, the Secretary-General will inform all Member States of the existence of the Fund and will urge those countries in a position to do so to contribute generously to it. He also will publicize the establishment of the Fund, its purpose and terms of reference to interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as to foundations, private enterprises and concerned individuals.

3. In addition, experience has shown that donors are often willing to contribute resources to voluntary funds when the specific purpose to be achieved with those resources - for example, the financing of the participation of least developed countries, the convening of seminars or regional meetings, and the support of national activities - is known. Consequently, once the activities of the preparatory process are determined, the Secretary-General will inform interested parties on a regular basis of such plans and seek their support.

4. The Secretary-General also intends to mobilize the United Nations system as a whole to contribute to the preparatory process. Agencies, funds and programmes will be encouraged to include in their programme budgets specific allocations for activities that could contribute to the process.

5. Mobilization of support for the World Summit for Social Development will be an ongoing process. It will be essential to create awareness at the local, national, regional and international levels of the Summit's core issues and objectives. The Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat will launch an information campaign for this purpose, and it is anticipated that the increase of such awareness will have a multiplier effect resulting in increased resources for the preparatory process and for the Summit itself.

6. The Secretary-General will continue to inform the Preparatory Committee of the activities being carried out for this purpose.

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5. Public information

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Social Development, noting the intention of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, as indicated in the note by the Secretary-General on mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Summit for Social Development, 1/ to launch an information campaign for the purpose of creating awareness at the local, national, regional and international levels of the core issues of the World Summit for Social Development as well as of its objectives, requested the Secretary-General to develop and launch, on a priority basis, in cooperation with relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, a specific programme of public information on the core issues and objectives of the Summit.

1/ A/CONF.166/PC.4.

6. Organizational matters

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decided to withdraw draft decision 10, entitled "Organizational matters", contained in the draft decisions submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations. 2/

7. Organization of work

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Decided that the task of the Preparatory Committee is to analyse in depth the core issues to be addressed by the Summit and to agree on policy measures to be submitted for decision by the Summit in order to achieve its objectives in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992;

(b) Also decided that the Preparatory Committee will consider a report of the Secretary-General and reports on matters relating to the Summit submitted in accordance with resolution 47/92 by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system. These reports could also include a survey of policy measures currently undertaken by them related to the issues listed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the annex to resolution 33/1 of 17 February 1993 of the Commission for Social Development. The Preparatory Committee will also receive contributions from Member States and observers, intergovernmental bodies, as appropriate, and non-governmental organizations in accordance with the provisions of its decision 2 and will be informed of the results of other meetings, including expert meetings on matters directly related to the Summit submitted in accordance with established practice;

(c) Requested the Secretariat and the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to give substantive and operational support to the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee and to the Preparatory Committee itself in the discharge of their responsibilities;

(d) Decided that the representatives at the Preparatory Committee should be at the level of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments as indicated in paragraph 8 of resolution 47/92;

(e) Further decided to include as an annex to the present resolution an indicative timetable and process of work of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development.

2/ A/CONF.166/PC/L.4.

ANNEX

1. Indicative timetable

1993	
April	Organizational session of the Preparatory Committee.
April-November	The Secretary-General prepares all reports for the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee.
June-July	High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council (to give substantive guidance).
October-December	General Assembly - Third Committee.
1994	
31 January-11 February	First session of the Preparatory Committee.
July	Possible comments from the Economic and Social Council.
22 August-2 September	Second session of the Preparatory Committee.
October-December	General Assembly - Third Committee.
1995	
16-27 January	Third session of the Preparatory Committee.
6-10 March	Meeting of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments.
11 and 12 March	World Summit for Social Development.
	Commission for Social Development (34th session).

2. Indicative process of work of the sessions of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development

1993

Prepare documents on the basis of a variety of inputs.

1994

First substantive session - 31 January-11 February 1994

(a) Input

All preparatory documentation on substance to be available:

(i) Statement of problems/situation/policy measures;

(ii) Actions under way/planned by the United Nations system;

(iii) Ideas for policy options for the future and for what they final output of the Summit can be.

(b) Output

Elements for inclusion in the draft declaration and plan of action.

Guidance to the Secretary-General on documentation needs for the second session.

Second substantive session - 22 August-2 September 1994

(a) Input

Draft negotiating text for final document/declaration/plan of the Summit.

Draft agenda for the Summit for review.

Any other requested by the first substantive session.

(b) Output

First draft of the final text of the declaration and plan of action of the Summit.

Draft agenda for the Summit.

1995

Third substantive session - 16-27 January 1995

(a) Input

Final drafts for approval/adjustment by the Preparatory Committee:

(i) Provisional agenda for the Summit;

(ii) Draft final declaration and plan of action for the Summit;

(iii) Any other decisions to be reviewed before the Summit.

(b) Output

Final provisional agenda.

Final provisional declaration.

Final provisional plan of action and other decisions.

(All to be adopted formally by the Summit.)

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8. Expert meetings

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, noting the suggestion made by the Commission for Social Development in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 33/1 of 17 February 1993, that the preparatory process include input from experts in the field of social development, focused on the core issues of the Summit, specified in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992:

(a) Decided that the purpose of the input is to provide expert opinion on contemporary, relevant research data on the respective core issues, both in the field of problem analysis and that of (possible) policy measures. To further this objective the meetings should be forums for scholarly exchange and should use the provisions of resolution 47/92 as terms of reference for their work. They should also take into consideration resolution 33/1 of the Commission for Social Development and other relevant material;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to organize, as part of the preparatory process, expert meetings focused on the core issues of the Summit financed by voluntary contributions;

(c) Accepted with appreciation the offer of the Governments of the Netherlands and Sweden to host and finance one such expert meeting each;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General, with respect to these two meetings and after appropriate consultations:

(i) To elaborate the specific focus of each expert meeting;

(ii) To appoint internationally acknowledged experts, in their personal capacities, representing current knowledge and research in their respective fields, and recommended that the Secretary-General consult with the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, as specified in paragraph 15 of resolution 47/92, in their selection in the respective areas of competence;

(iii) To compose each expert group of 10 experts, 2 per region, and ensure the participation of all the experts within the funds made available by the host Governments;

(iv) To schedule each expert meeting well in advance of the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in 1994, and to forward the results of the expert meetings to the Preparatory Committee for consideration, as appropriate, at that session.

9. Dates for the World Summit for Social Development

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly decided to convene the World Summit for Social Development early in 1995 and accepted with deep appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Denmark to act as host to the Summit, and having considered possible dates for the Summit,

(a) Decided that the World Summit for Social Development shall be convened on 11 and 12 March 1995 at Copenhagen, preceded by a meeting of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level

representatives specifically designated by Governments, from 6 to 10 March 1995, the agenda for that meeting to be decided upon by the Preparatory Committee at its final session;

(b) Also decided that the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development shall be held from 31 January to 11 February 1994, the second shall be convened from 22 August to 2 September 1994 and, considering the exact dates of the Summit, that the third session shall take place from 16 to 27 January 1995, instead of in 1994 as originally envisaged in resolution 47/92;

(c) Recommended that the Economic and Social Council postpone the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development until after the conclusion of the Summit.

10. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

At its 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decided to adopt the following agenda for its first session:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation in accordance with the rules of participation set out in decision 2 on non-governmental organizations.

3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

4. Analysis of the core issues to be addressed by the Summit and policy measures to attain its objectives in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92.

5. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit.

6. Arrangements for and provisional agenda of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

ANNEX III

Chairman's statement on agreed dates of the Summit made at the 5th meeting, on 16 April 1993

In the process of consultations on this very difficult matter, two important issues have been clarified. One is that the Islamic countries have made it clear to the Preparatory Committee that the dates agreed upon, after the Id al-Fitr, do not prevent leaders of that group of countries from participating fully in the Summit. The other issue we agree upon is that we now have a decision on the dates of the Summit and that we all understand that we cannot, at a later stage, revert to the issue of dates. In view of the importance of these questions, the present statement will be annexed to the report of the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee.

ANNEX IV

Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session

Symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.166/PC/1	2	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.166/PC/2	3	Note by the Secretariat on the consideration by the Commission for Social Development of the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process
A/CONF.166/PC/3	3	Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines concerning the appropriate contribution of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and others to the preparations for the Summit
A/CONF.166/PC/4	3	Note by the Secretary-General on the mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Summit for Social Development
A/CONF.166/PC/L.1	5	Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.166/PC/L.2		Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development
A/CONF.166/PC/L.3	5	Draft decision 5: Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.166/PC/L.4	3	Draft decisions submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations

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